

80 Stat. 515;
82 Stat. 250.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, in consonance with Section 6103 of Title 5 of the United States Code designating the fourth Thursday of November in each year as Thanksgiving Day, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 23, 1972, as a day of national thanksgiving. I call upon all Americans to assemble in homes and places of worship on this day, to join in offering gratitude for the countless blessings our people enjoy, and to embrace the elderly and less fortunate as special celebrants in the day's events, loving them as we have been loved.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventeenth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-seventh.



PROCLAMATION 4171

National Farm-City Week, 1972

November 17, 1972

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The breadwinners of our national family—those whose hard work helps to provide the rest of us with food to eat and clothes to wear—are America's nearly 3 million farmers.

American agriculture leads our own economy and the world in productivity. The bounty of our farms is an indispensable element in the steadily rising standard of living for our cities—indeed for every American community large or small. This is the strong bond of interdependence and mutual benefit which links farm people to city people throughout this country, and to peoples in other countries all over the globe, wherever the agricultural exports of our heartland alleviate hunger and so promote the cause of peace.

National Farm-City Week is an occasion for wider recognition of this interdependence and for new efforts to increase cooperation between farm and city people. It is a time for renewal of our commitment to balanced national growth and to assuring the farmer of a fair share in the national prosperity to which he contributes so much.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week of November 17 through November 23, 1972, as National Farm-City Week. I encourage all citizens, especially leaders of agricultural organizations,

business groups, labor unions, youth and women's clubs, schools, and other interested groups, to participate in this observance. I urge the Department of Agriculture, land-grant educational institutions, and all appropriate organizations and Government officials to mark the significance of National Farm-City Week with special events and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventeenth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-seventh.



PROCLAMATION 4172

National Family Week

By the President of the United States of America

November 18, 1972

A Proclamation

As prospects brighten for a lasting peace in the world, we can hope to approach more closely the age-old ideal of a single, harmonious family of man.

As we work toward that great goal, however, we must never forget that our starting point—the center of our affections and the wellspring of our self-renewal—must be the basic family circle. Parent and child, husband and wife, brother and sister, all truly mean “home” to every human being.

No institution can ever take the family's place in giving meaning to human life and a stable structure to society; indeed, as a wise philosopher observed thousands of years ago, “the root of the state is in the family.” The pressures of our modern age make this a time of challenge for families in America, but every community has its inspiring examples of families which have risen to the demand and made the time of challenge a time of glory.

Our long-cherished American observances of Mother's Day and Father's Day are fittingly complemented by this new idea of a National Family Week, which this year will coincide with the Thanksgiving holiday—a time when families traditionally reunite, and when the family unit itself should stand high on that list of blessings for which we offer our thanks to God.